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Belgium Trade Treaty.
We may note three several stages in the
history of Treaties of Commerce and Navigation.
The writings of Adam Smith obtained for
Treaties of Commerce and Navigation a
very evil repute. The object of such docu-
ments had in his day always been to secure to
the contracting parties a double monopoly,
each stipulating for the exclusion of all com-
petitors from the other's market. As soon as
it was demonstrated that a monopoly was a
simple blunder, the instrument the end and
object of which had been to secure monopolies
fell into discredit. Such a Treaty was
merely an agreement between two parties to
manage their import trade in the way last
beneficial to each other. The second kind of
Commercial Treaty
contracting parties agreed to take off duties in
consideration of similar reduction on his own.
This differed from the first kind in the very
important respect that the end sought was
good, not evil. But this, also, slanted
against sound principles, by the assumption
that the collection of heavy duties on the pro-
duce of foreign countries, though an evil to
the country whose produce was taxed, was a
good to the country imposing the tax, in—
other words, that it can be the interest of a
nation to create an artificial dearth and
scarcity by taxes on foreign imports. Of this
nature is our recent Treaty with France—a
measure which, though founded on a faulty
principle, has been undoubtedly productive of
much good. We have now a Treaty of Com-
merce and Navigation with Belgium which is
entirely distinct from the two classes, and is,
as far as we understand it, entirely free from
any objection. Except incidentally, and by
way of temporary exception to its general
principle, this Treaty does not deal with the
question of tariffs, leaving them to be dealt
with by each Government with reference to
the interests and means of the year, instead of
being made matters of contract so that it may
become almost necessary to go to war with
another State in order to levy the taxes neces-
sary for the support of the Government, but
prohibited by treaty regulations.

The Treaty with Belgium will be read with
surprise by those who are not conversant
with the traditions, many of them breathing
the most illiberal spirit, which are dignified
by the name of the Law of Nations. The
surprise in reading this Treaty is that it
should have been necessary to stipulate for
such rights between the people of two friend-
ly countries. Thus it is provided that the
subjects of either contracting party shall
have the same rights and privileges in mat-
ters of commerce and navigation as the na-
tive subjects of the other contracting party;
that the subject of each residing in the do-
minions of the other shall be allowed to
manage their own affairs without being inter-
fered with, or being compelled to employ a
particular class of agents or brokers, a
clause which was granted to the subjects of
London on the metric revenue of the city of
London. Each nation is to be placed equal
on the footing of the most favored nation,
though it is to be hoped that neither party
will for the future have any "favored nation."
In the same spirit it is agreed that in de-
ciding what shall be a British and what a
Belgian vessel, the criterion shall be what
is British or Belgian according to the British
or Belgian law. As regards the imposition
of dues, and the loading and unloading of
ships, no privilege shall be granted to native
vessels not also granted to the ships of the
other contracting power. Nor shall any dis-
criminating dues be levied. Each country
admits the vessel of the other in its coasting
trade. Property in trade marks, patterns, or
models in the manufactures of the one coun-
try is recognized in the other. In the case
of wreck, the vessel and goods which may
be saved shall be restored to the proprietors
or agents if they claim them, and, if not,
shall be delivered to the British or Belgian
Consul in whose district the wreck shall
have taken place.

The principles on which it is founded are
eminently just and liberal. Heretofore it
seems to say, between the two nations par-
ties to this instrument, commerce shall take
up a totally new position. The notion that
the State has any interest, by any laws
whatever, to throw the conduct of its com-
mercial transactions into the hands of na-
tives rather than of foreigners, or to insure
the carrying trade to its own ships rather
than to the ships of others, is entirely ex-
ploded. The sole criterion recognized will
be the interest of the consumer, nationality
being the affair of the consumer, nationality
shall not be allowed to interfere with that
unfettered competition which is its life and
soul. The principle is exceedingly simple:
—in matters of buying and selling perfect
equality between man and man. Nations
will continue to have governments, insti-
tutions, and laws widely different from each
other. But in matters of commerce these
barriers ought to fall, and one law pervade
the world—the law of personal and absolute
equality. Many things in Europe are tend-
ing to this consummation. In America,
unfortunately, it is exactly the contrary.

While the most enlightened nations of the
old World are bent upon breaking down old
distinctions and privileges, the effort of
America is to raise every rampart against
the principle of the Anglo-Belgian—equality
in matters of commerce between native and
foreigner.—English paper.

Of all the Royal children of whom Eng-
land has good reason to be proud not one is
a greater favorite with the English people
than Prince Alfred, who is said by every one
about the Court to be a really clever, gen-
tlemanly, and quick at repartee.

His elder brother is extremely amiable,
of charming address, and in manner most thor-
oughly gentlemanly; but he does not possess
the strength either of muscle or of mind that
distinguish the young royal "nobby." In their

boyish quarrels, the younger brother invariably
had the upper hand, being a greater proficient
both in coldling and at fistfights than the heir
to the British Crown, being moreover destined
to wear a little crown of his own, and there-
fore not restrained in his bellicose tendencies
by any idea of deference towards his brother
as his future sovereign.

One day Prince Alfred was told that one of
his young companions had a great desire to be
introduced to the Prince of Wales. "You
want to know Wales, do you?" said Prince
Alfred, when he next saw the boy in question,
"I, bless you, I've such a muff!"
On one occasion, when the amiable Dean of
Winchester was dining at Windsor, he hap-
pened to sit next to Prince Alfred who was
having the last holiday that fell to his lot before
the lamented decease of the Prince Consort. The
young nobly kept up an animated talk with his
reverend friend, telling him, though in the
low tones which etiquette prescribes at the
royal table unless in answer to some observa-
tion addressed to a guest by Her Majesty, of
his life on shipboard, and his adventures in the
various countries he had visited, winding up
his account of his experiences by the whis-
pered exclamation, "Why what does Mamma,
or Papa, or Wales, or Alice know about life?"
Lord bless you, I've such a muff!"
Ah, I could tell them a thing or two!"
The presence of the Prince Alfred is always
a source of great pleasure to the various mem-
bers of the Royal circle, as he is full of vi-
vacity and fun, and possesses at the same time
an excellent understanding, and plenty of
energy and resolution.—Montreal Herald.

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IF IT IS
14, 14½, 15, 15½, 16, or 16½ inches,
YOU CAN GET IT FITTED WITH
McTURK & EAST'S
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ONLY
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THE LARGEST AND BEST
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Apricots, 10 Peaches, 10 Quinces, 10
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etc., etc., and an extensive assortment of Ornamental
Trees and Shrubs.
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Messrs. Gault & Moxley, Olympia, and F. McNeill,
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THOS. DEAN,
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Drugs Wharf, Victoria, shall have prompt attention.
COLLECTORS OF KITCHEN GARDEN SEEDS, &c
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NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with
the laws of the United States, from and after the 1st
November, 1862, no goods, wares, or merchandise
subject to ad valorem or specific duty, shall be ad-
mitted to enter unless the invoice of such goods,
wares, or merchandise be verified by the oath of the
owner, or one of the owners, or in the absence of
the owner, one of the parties who is authorized by the
owner to make the shipment and sign the invoice of
the same, said oath to be administered by the Con-
sul or Commercial agent of the United States in the
district where the goods are manufactured, or from
which they are sent.
ALLEN FRANCIS,
U. S. Consul.
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RICHARD D. NEED BEGS TO AN-
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Return of the Bute Inlet Expedition.

The Otter returned at 8 1/2 o'clock yesterday morning from Bute Inlet, which she left on Wednesday, at half past 11 in the morning. On the way down she touched at Nanaimo, where she remained part of a day to coal. The trip down—running time—was made in exactly 30 hours, distance 185 nautical miles. Mr. Waddington and the whole party, about 70 men, returned in good health and spirits. Besides which, there were several passengers from Nanaimo; also Mr. C. B. Young, who went up and returned with the Otter. The men speak in enthusiastic terms of the trail, and of the mildness of the climate. As they landed, they gave three parting cheers for Mr. Waddington.

We learn from Mr. Waddington that two or three miles of trail, almost equivalent to a wagon road—ten feet wide—has been completed, with the exception of a bridge about one or two small unfinished portions of several miles from the head of the Inlet; but owing to want of time, could not be completed this fall. Above the 23-mile trail, several portions of the road have been opened, and the whole trail laid out, blazed, and cleared for the passage of a single man, nearly up to the Forks of the Homathco and Moody, 40 miles from the head of the Inlet. Mr. Waddington walked back on the trail from the Forks to the steamer. There are sixty-six bridges on the trail, of which the greater part are finished. One of them is ninety feet long; another 60 feet long with a single span.

The difficulties of the Pass through the Cascade Mountains are greater than the projector of the route was led to expect; and after considerable time spent in attempting to find a good wagon road, he succeeded in penetrating into the canon, and found that the road can be carried through on a dead level, an immense advantage to the route. The whole trail, so far as explored, presents no higher elevation than a bench about a mile long and ninety feet high, with a very gentle slope at each end. The workmen pronounce it "a holiday trail."

The difficulties of the trail may be said to end at the Forks, so the expedition has really overcome the greatest obstacles. All that is required to complete it for packing through to Cariboo can be done in six weeks. It is the intention of Mr. Waddington to return on the first of March, to complete the opening of the pack-trail.

Good anchorage has been found about a mile from the town site, on the river, and also in the Inlet.

The river is now considered as well adapted for steam navigation as was first supposed, owing to the existence of shoals and rapids. There is a great deal of drift and snags in the river, which would be very expensive to remove; and it is presumed that clearing them away concerns the Government rather than the Bute Inlet Company. Steamers may eventually be made to ascend the river some 25 miles.

The feuds that exist between the Nictetaws and Talsenies came near putting a stop to the expedition. The transportation of provisions was entirely stopped on the river. A daughter of the chief of the Talsenies, eleven years old, had been stolen by the Nictetaws, and had to be ransomed with eight pairs of blankets, after a long negotiation, before peace was restored. The advanced party were in consequence very much pushed for provisions.

There was no frost nor snow till last Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, when six inches fell. The impression was, that the higher the valley was ascended the milder the climate became.

The expense of the work done is far less than the original estimate. Several hours had been shot by the Indians. The valley is of a sandy soil; but there are several patches of from 60 to 150 acres of prairie land in different places along the route. The whole valley is heavily timbered, with trees of very large size, some being eight feet in diameter. They are chiefly pine, cedar, red and white hemlock, fir, and immensely large cottonwood.

NEW FISH-CURING ESTABLISHMENT.—Another establishment for the manufacture of Yarmouth Bloaters, and the smoking and curing of all kinds of fish, has been established on Douglas street, opposite the brick yard. These small beginnings are, we trust, but initial steps towards the development of a trade which must ultimately occupy a place in the foremost rank of our sources of wealth and commercial greatness—the fisheries on our coast, which, both in regard to quantity and quality, are probably unsurpassed by any in the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GETTING A LIVING.—The scarcity of hand-carts and barrows for the transportation of light articles, and the high rates charged by the persons at present plying with such, is a common subject of complaint. There is a good opening for some of the unemployed just now to supply this deficiency. A local "letter and parcel delivery," with appointed stations for receiving, is also in much request, and would doubtless prove remunerative.

MORE RACES.—A race will come off on the Beacon Hill course to-day, between Mr. Richardson's "Punch" and Hon. H. D. Lascelles' r. h. Bob, for \$250 a side. Distance three straight miles, one heat. Horses to be ridden by their owners. The race will take place at 2 o'clock p. m., and will doubtless attract considerable attention.

WARLIKE STORES FOR ESQUIMAULT.—The gunboat Grappler was employed yesterday conveying Government stores, consisting of powder, shot, shell, etc., from the bark Esau Lothian to the magazine in Esquimault harbor.

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FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The steamer Enterprise sailed for New Westminster yesterday morning, she carried between 50 and 60 passengers, a few head of stock, and a full cargo of general freight.

DAMAGE BY FIRE.—The damage done to Capt. Reid's building on Wharf street, by the fire the other night, is estimated at not less than \$600.

LUMBER.—The schooner Rebecca, Capt. McDonald, arrived from Puget Sound yesterday morning, with 40,000 feet of lumber, consigned to W. P. Sayward.

Mr. J. G. Colquhoun was last night elected city inspector.

Police Court.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14.
Wm. Davis was charged by Thomas Buis, a saloon-keeper, with being a suspicious character. The prisoner, who states that he is a deserter from the U. S. troops in Washington Territory, was remanded for one day to await the police making inquiries about him.
J. C. O'Connor, arrested by officer Taylor, was charged by M. Sere, the proprietor of the Hotel de France, with the following unprovoked assault: Complainant said that the prisoner came to his hotel about one o'clock in the morning, and inquired the way to Wharf street. He went outside to direct him, and then turned to lock one of the doors, when he received a blow on the head from behind. He turned round, and the prisoner struck him again a violent blow full between the eyes. Taylor, the night watchman, who came up at the time, asked witness if he wished to give him in charge, when the prisoner ran away and took refuge in the "Brown Jug," where the officer ultimately arrested him. Witness did not believe the prisoner to be so drunk as he wished them to pretend to be.

The prisoner, who pleaded guilty and confessed a recollection of the affair, was asked by the magistrate if he could give any reference as to character, and he said that he was in the employ of a merchant on Wharf street. He was sentenced to a fine of £3, in default, to suffer two months imprisonment.

Wm. Dempster vs. Chas. Gullion, Wm. Browne, and Gideon Halcrow. This was a case of assault, which was remanded until Monday next.

Nathaniel M. Hicks appeared in answer to a summons, and was charged by police constable and one Robert, with having assaulted him in the execution of his duty. The information of the officer was then read, as follows: On Monday last I saw Mr. Hicks fighting with another man, near the race course. I remonstrated with him, and advised him to put his coat on, upon which he struck me three or four times upon my face and body, and called me "a son of a—." I told him to consider himself under arrest, and took hold of him by the coat, which by this time he had put on. He then grasped my arms and hit me upon both hands. He had the marks of fighting upon him, and the cut over the eye before I spoke to him.

The officer stated that he had received an apology through the friends of the defendant, but was content to leave the disposal of the matter to the discretion of the Bench.

The defendant stated that he was in a state of great excitement at the time of the occurrence, and had not known that Robert was a Policeman.

Mr. Pemberton said that the charge was of a very serious nature, and being a recollection of the assault, and the fact of the defendant's duty, which he had to perform. The case was a very bad one indeed, and he felt scarcely justified in accepting an excuse.

He was placed rather in a dilemma from the fact of his acting both as Police Commissioner and Magistrate. Were it not for this, he should most likely have sent the case for trial; as it was, he thought justice would be vindicated by the infliction of the highest penalty that could be summarily imposed. He accordingly sentenced the defendant to a fine of £5 or three months imprisonment.

ALLEGED ROBBERY.

William Watkins, a young man, formerly a soldier in the U. S. army, and who, as our readers may recall, about two years ago escaped from the Bute Inlet, where he was under arrest, and being detected, and sought the protection of the authorities, and surrendered himself at the jail, was charged this morning with having stolen certain money from a sailor belonging to the Otter. The accused went up with Mr. Waddington's party, some two months ago, and has since been working on the Bute Inlet trail. On the night after the embarkation of the passengers for Victoria, the alleged robbery took place. Mr. Drake appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Bishop for the defence. The following evidence was heard:

Daniel Fern—I am a seaman on board the Otter. When I went to turn into my bunk last Tuesday night, I found the handkerchief in which I keep my money lying on the bed. I procured a light, and found that all my money and been stolen. It consisted of three \$20 pieces, a \$10 piece, and about 27s in silver—18 or 19 of which were in quarters and shillings, and the rest in half dollars. There was also a small nugget.

By Mr. Bishop—I thought at first that I had lost four \$20 pieces; I did not recollect at the time that I had changed one of them. Now, but the ship's company had access to the fore-cabin; the only exception was on a previous evening, when a passenger took ten there; I was present the whole of the time. The last time I saw the money safe was on the morning of the robbery. I am certain that among the coin there were more shillings than quarters.

David Stephen—I am a fireman on board the Otter. Between the hours of 12 and 6 last Tuesday afternoon, it being my watch boat I was in bed, but not asleep. I heard two men talking in the fore-cabin in a low tone of voice. I heard a clinking of money. They went to the head of the ladder; one went up and the other came back. The prisoner is the man who remained; I again heard the clinking of money; the man then went up the ladder; I recognised him as the prisoner.

By Mr. Drake—There had been somebody in the fore-cabin all day long. Daniel Fern told me the loss of his money that evening; I will not swear that I thought to be jingling of money was not that of keys. I did not get out of bed until the prisoner left. The prisoner had no business in the fore-cabin.

Capt. Lewis—the prosecutor complained to me last night about losing his money. In the morning I had the prisoner searched; I produced the money I found on him (three \$20 pieces, one \$10, and some silver). The prosecutor told me that the gold coins he had been brazened had been coined at New Westminster, and bore the date of 1862. Afterwards when I questioned him, he said he had received them at the mint in New Westminster.

The \$20 pieces produced bore dates proving them not less than 10 years old.

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Denial.

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I trust you will insert this letter, that I may free myself of such an imputation.

M. BATH.

From British Columbia.

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British Columbia Items.

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I have, &c.
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